

## GEN. ARTHUR'S NEW YEAR'S

## ILLUSTRATIONS AT THE RECEPTION IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan. 2.—President Arthur received the dignitaries, the legislators, the military men, and the people to-day from 11 until nearly 3 o'clock. Between 2,000 and 3,000 persons filed in at the door and stood at an open window. The diplomats were in full court regalia, some with gold-laced coats, and others in uniform, and the representatives of the army and navy, more than 200 strong, were resplendent in blue and brass. The Supreme Court Justices wore the most magnificent of swat-tails, and the Senators were clad in black frocks. The people wore the richest silks, velvets, and furs, and the most tattered garments. There was a good deal of a general White House from the time the stream poured into the east parlor windows. Rows were laid on the rich red carpet of the East Room, and on the delicately tinted Brussels of the Blue, Green, and Red Rooms. A bridge of gracefully uncertain strength was constructed from the floor of the White House to the deep array of the flagging. Beautiful flowers from the conservatories and potted plants from the green houses were arranged in the long hall and the various apartments. Messengers rushed hither and thither, and mounted policemen patrolled their horses.

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A moment later President Arthur entered the Blue Room. Following him were Mrs. Frelinghuysen, dressed in a dark blue gown, and Mrs. Brewster, who wore a dark white-colored dress. Mrs. Brewster was dressed in a dark white-colored dress. Mrs. Brewster was dressed in a dark white-colored dress. Mrs. Brewster was dressed in a dark white-colored dress.

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## POISONED WITH STRYCHNINE.

## A Woman in Dover Accused of Murdering Her Husband—A Physician's Story.

Benedict Schickler, a native of Switzerland, now living at Dover, N. J., eleven years ago, was a quiet and unobtrusive, below the medium build, dark haired, and 26 years old. In 1878 he married Catharine, a daughter of John Koops, a well-to-do miner.

Quarrels followed their course of common occurrence, and the neighbors say that he sometimes struck her. Mrs. Schickler was fond of dress and of being out. Her husband was jealous of George McRoy, who was in the habit of visiting the house. Mrs. Schickler, it is reported, was often heard to say that she wished that she was alone. It is said that she married at the command of her parents.

Benedict and Catharine on Thursday afternoon Mrs. Schickler told William H. Goodale, a druggist, that she wanted some poison for rats. She had used arsenic, she said, but did not think it was strong enough for the purpose. D. Goodale told her that the most fatal poison was strychnine. She asked him to put up ten cents' worth for her. As Dr. Goodale had known her since she was a child, he had no hesitancy in selling her the drug. He weighed out about fifteen grains of strychnine, but went away satisfied after explaining to her that it was very deadly.

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## DOORS CLOSED TO CALLERS.

## A NEW YEAR'S CUSTOM THAT IS FALLING INTO DISUSE.

Many Baskets Where Open Doors Have Been—Callers by Proxy—Brooklyn Police. The custom of leaving open doors for callers, a New Year's custom that is falling into disuse, was observed in Brooklyn yesterday. The police reported that many baskets of fruit and flowers were left outside the doors of houses, and that many callers were refused admittance.

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## OSCAR WILDE IN NEW YORK.

## His Definition of Aestheticism—Disappointed in the Atlantic Ocean.

A drenched reporter of THE SUN climbed from a small rowboat to the high deck of the Atlantic Ocean. He was looking for Oscar Wilde, the apostle of aestheticism, among the passengers. He was met by a tall young man, who was coming out of the cabin. "Hi, ha, ha! Welcome to New York, does he?"

Mr. Wilde's laugh and accent were remarkable. It was a loud laugh, full of indignantly good nature, yet seeming somewhat forced. He stood at least six feet two inches tall, with a broad forehead, dark hair, and a well-cut nose. He was wearing a dark suit, and a white shirt with a high collar. He was looking at the reporter with a slight smile.

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## THE CAUCUSES IN ALBANY.

## ACTION THAT WILL POSTPONE THE LEGISLATURE'S ORGANIZATION.

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## GREELY'S ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

## The First Signal Station in Discovery Harbor—Relics of the Polar Camp.

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## TERROR AT A FESTIVAL.

## THE FLOOR GIVING WAY AND 300 PERSONS FALLING WITH IT.

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